

Union Calendar No. 309

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3872

[Report No. 119–357]

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2025

Mr. FALLON (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

OCTOBER 31, 2025

Additional sponsor: Mr. HARRIGAN

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 10, 2025]

A BILL

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make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF MINERAL LEASING ACT FOR**
 4 **ACQUIRED LANDS TO HARDROCK MINERALS.**

5 *The Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30*
 6 *U.S.C. 351 et seq.) is amended—*

7 *(1) in section 2 (30 U.S.C. 351)—*

8 *(A) by striking “Act ‘United States’” and*
 9 *inserting the following: “Act:*

10 *“(1) UNITED STATES.—The term ‘United*
 11 *States’”;*

12 *(B) by striking “Alaska. ‘Acquired lands’”*
 13 *and inserting the following: “Alaska.*

14 *“(2) ACQUIRED LANDS; LANDS ACQUIRED BY THE*
 15 *UNITED STATES.—The term ‘acquired lands’”;*

16 *(C) by striking “552). ‘Secretary’” and in-*
 17 *serting the following: “552).*

18 *“(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’”;*

19 *(D) by striking “Interior. ‘Mineral leasing*
 20 *laws’ shall mean” and inserting the following:*
 21 *“Interior.*

22 *“(4) MINERAL LEASING LAWS.—The term ‘min-*
 23 *eral leasing laws’ means”;*

24 *(E) by striking “Acts. ‘Lease’” and insert-*
 25 *ing the following: “Acts.*

1 “(5) *LEASE*.—*The term ‘lease’*”;

2 (F) by striking “requires. *The term*” and
3 inserting the following: “requires.

4 “(6) *OIL*.—*The term*”; and

5 (G) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(7) *HARDROCK MINERAL*.—*The term ‘hardrock*
7 *mineral’*—

8 “(A) includes deposits of—

9 “(i) minerals found in sedimentary or
10 other rocks;

11 “(ii) base metals;

12 “(iii) precious metals;

13 “(iv) industrial minerals; and

14 “(v) precious and semi-precious
15 gemstones; and

16 “(B) does not include deposits of—

17 “(i) coal;

18 “(ii) oil;

19 “(iii) oil shale;

20 “(iv) gas;

21 “(v) sodium;

22 “(vi) potassium;

23 “(vii) sulfur; or

24 “(viii) mineral materials subject to
25 disposition under the Act of July 31, 1947,

1 *commonly known as the Materials Act of*
2 *1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).”; and*
3 *(2) in section 3 (30 U.S.C. 352), by striking*
4 *“and sulfur” and inserting “sulfur, and hardrock*
5 *minerals”.*

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